

## Message Text

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ACTION INR-10

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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 1057

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MILI TPHY  
SUBJ: SYRIAN MAPPING CAPABILITIES

REF: A) DAO DAMASCUS MSG 035 DTG 270740Z JAN 78; B) DIA MSG  
3702 DTG 031621Z FEB 78; C) DMA MSG DTG 151944Z FEB 78

1. I WISH ADD MY PERSONAL ENDORSEMENT TO PROPOSAL THAT WE  
RESPOND FAVORABLY TO SYRIAN REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN  
DEVELOPING ITS MAPPING CAPABILITIES. AN NOTED REF B,  
DIA ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORTED DATT'S ORIGINAL REQUEST  
TO PROVIDE CARTOGRAPHIC ASSISTANCE FOR SYRIAN MILITARY  
OFFICE OPERATING GOVERNMENT-WIDE MAP SUPPORT AGENCY.  
DEFENSE MAPPING (DMA) CONCURRED BUT ADVISED THAT  
STATE (NEA/ARN) HAD ADVISED AGAINST SUCH ASSISTANCE IN VIEW  
OF CURRENT MIDDLE EAST SITUATION (REF C). DMA MESSAGE LISTED  
SOME POSITIVE ADVANTAGES TO USG MAPPING PROGRAM SHOULD  
COOPERATION WITH SARG OCCUR.

2. THE ASSISTANCE DATT PROPOSED WAS TO BE LOW PROFILE,  
LOW COST WITH POTENTIALLY HIGH YIELD IN ACCESS TO SYRIAN  
MILITARY. IT PRESENTED, IN MY OPINION, AN EXCELLENT  
OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO MAKE POINTS IN AREA OF THE  
SYRIAN GOVERNMENT HERETOFORE CLOSED TO US.

3. PLEASE ADVISE WHAT PROBLEMS A FAVORABLE RESPONSE WOULD  
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ENGENDER FOR USG. WOULD APPRECIATE RECONSIDERATION  
OF THIS OPPORTUNITY SINCE WISH GIVE SYRIANS A PROMPT  
ANSWER.  
MURPHY

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